

## Kuwait sets up K.D. 800 fund

KUWAIT, Dec. 6 (R). — Kuwait today allocated 217 million dinars as a first step towards creating a "reserve for the coming generations." The fund is to be set aside to provide this Gulf state with an alternative to oil as a source of wealth. A decree published here apportioned the money from this year's budget. It is equivalent to 10 per cent of state revenues for the financial year which began on July 1.

It also transferred 50 per cent of current state reserves to the fund, reliably estimated at about 1,200 million dinars.

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## Hassan to visit Belgium

AMMAN (JNA). — The Hashemite Royal Cabinet Monday announced that His Highness Crown Prince Hassan and Her Highness Princess Tharwat would pay a few-days' visit to Belgium at the invitation of the Belgian government.

Prince Hassan will hold official talks with the Belgian premier and the foreign minister.

He will also hold talks with Mr. François-Xavier Ortoli, President of the Commission of the European Community, on economic relations between Jordan and the EEC.

## Hussein, Assad open integration talks

AMMAN, Dec. 6 (Agencies). — Majesty King Hussein and President Hafez Assad of Syria opened their talks here this morning at the Al Hashimiya Palace.

President Assad had arrived here today at Amman airport, accompanied by a high-level military delegation.

President and Mrs. Assad were welcomed at the airport by Their Highnesses Crown Prince Hassan and Princess Tharwat, Prime Minister Mudar Badran and his wife, the Speaker of the Upper House of Parliament, Bahjat Talhoumi and his wife, Chief of the Royal Cabinet, Mr. Abdul Hamid Sharaf and his wife, the Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces, Lt. Gen. Zaid Ibn Shaker, former ministers and a number of top government officials.

Also present were the Syrian ambassador to Jordan and his wife, Syrian embassy staff and the heads of the Arab diplomatic missions accredited to Jordan.

Following their first round of talks, King Hussein held a dinner party this evening at the Al Hashimiya Palace in honour of President Assad.

King Hussein and President Assad are to have two days of talks on bolstering the process of integration and cooperation between Jordan and Syria.

President Assad, accompanying delegation includes Syrian Prime Minister, Maj. Gen. Abdul Rahman Qadafi; the Minister of Local



His Majesty King Hussein walks with President Hafez Assad of Syria at Amman airport following President Assad's arrival here Monday. (JNA photo).

Government, Taha Al Khairat; the Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, Abdul Karim Adi; the Minister of State for Presidential Affairs, Adib Milhem; the Minister of Information, Ahmad Iskandar Ahmad; the political adviser to President Assad, Adib Al Daoudi; and the Syrian ambassador to Jordan.

President Assad's accompanying delegation will attend the two-day talks.

The Jordanian team to the talks, includes Crown Prince Hassan; Prime Minister Mudar Badran; the Chief of the Royal Cabinet, Sharif Abdul Hamid Sharaf; the Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces, Lt. Gen. Sharif Zaid Ibn Sha-

ker; the Minister of Court, Amer Khamash; the Minister of Information, Adnan Abu Odeh; the Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, Hassan Ibrahim; the Minister of Interior, Suleiman Arar; and the Jordanian Ambassador to Syria, Nabih Nemr.

## WEST BANK SHOPS CLOSE IN PROTEST AGAINST VAT

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Dec. 6 (R). — Arab shops in the occupied West Bank were closed today in protest against Israeli-imposed value-added tax (VAT) on goods and services.

The closure came in response to the call for a general strike by the Chambers of Commerce on the West Bank.

Eyewitnesses said about 80 per cent of the shops were shut in Nablus, Hebron and Ramallah partially so in Bethlehem, Tulkarem and Jenin. The shopkeepers said they plan to stay closed until the levy is cancelled.

They said that in Nablus, the West Bank's largest town, schools also closed as youths demonstrated in the streets, shouting anti-Israeli slogans and burning tires in protest.

Israeli police stood by but no clashes were reported.

VAT -- already in effect in Israel -- was supposed to start in the West Bank last Aug. 1 but the authorities put it off to this week following Arab protest strikes.

## Rules out religious coexistence

# Chamoun calls for federated Lebanon

BEIRUT, Dec. 6 (R). — Lebanese rightwing leader Camille Chamoun, 76, said today the bitter residue of 19 months of civil war ruled out peaceful coexistence between Moslems and Christians in mixed areas in Lebanon.

In an interview published today Mr. Chamoun proposed a Swiss-style federal system for his country.

"If we want to avoid friction after everything that has happened here, we must choose political decentralisation -- federal status for the Christian and Moslem communities," he said. "We should follow the example of Switzerland."

He added: "Any dispute in this country can deteriorate into very serious trouble. For the sake of everybody, there must be decentralisation."

Mr. Chamoun, who was Lebanese president from 1952 to 1958, heads the National Liberal Party whose civil war militia played a prominent role in wiping out leftwing enclaves in rightist-dominated territory.

Fighting between Lebanon's leftist-Palestinian alliance, predomi-

nantly Moslem, and the mainly Christian rightwing ceased on Nov. 15 when Syrian-led Arab peace-keeping forces moved into the main battle areas to separate the combatants.

Syria is understood to be opposed to a federal system in Lebanon, but Mr. Chamoun shrugged off Syrian reservations.

"Syria could not prevent such a solution if the Lebanese really want it," he said.

In the present Lebanese government, defunct through most of the war, Mr. Chamoun is vice premier and holds the interior, foreign and defence portfolios.

Asked whether he visualised a Swiss-style federation only as a

first step towards rebuilding the shattered political structure of the country, Mr. Chamoun said: "Why? Switzerland has been doing fine for a long time."

Mr. Chamoun said the Lebanese army, splintered into at least four fragments during the war, should be rebuilt "so the Moslem soldiers remain in Moslem areas and Christians in their areas, later, this could be changed, perhaps."

He reiterated his view, shared by most of the Lebanese right, that there would be no genuine peace in Lebanon as long as there were armed Palestinians in the country.

"The cleanest solution would be for the Palestinians to leave, perhaps after a Geneva conference which would allot them their own state," he said.

A 1969 Cairo agreement between the Palestinian resistance movements and the Lebanese government apportioned part of southern Lebanon to the resistance for operations against Israel.

The Palestinians have cited the agreement for their refusal to give up their heavy weapons. The surrender of such arms is considered an essential step towards the implementation of a peace plan for Lebanon endorsed by an Arab League summit last October.

But the issue has run into deadlock, with the left and right each insisting that the other side must disarm first.

A four-nation committee set up to supervise the present truce is expected to discuss the problem later this week. It had been announced it would meet today, but no reason has been given for the postponement.

"We are prepared to hand in our weapons," Mr. Chamoun said today. "That is, as soon as the Palestinians hand in theirs."

## May accept PLO's participation

# Israel calls on U.N. to rehold Geneva conference

UNITED NATIONS, New York, Dec. 6 (AFP). — Israel today asked the United Nations' General Assembly to convene immediately the Geneva conference on the Middle East in an effort to achieve a just and lasting peace in the area.

The Israeli resolution, the first the country has proposed in the United Nations asked that Egypt, Jordan and Syria join Israel at the conference under the joint chairmanship of the United States and the Soviet Union.

The Israeli Ambassador to the U.N. Mr. Chaim Herzog said Israel presented the resolution in order to demonstrate its desire for peace. Mr. Herzog hinted that Israel would not oppose Palestinian participation in the delegations although the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) was not officially invited to the talks.

Mr. Herzog said, answering questions, that the Israeli delegation to the conference would not examine the credentials of the members of the Arab delegations.

The Arab nations meanwhile, through the intermediary of three non-aligned nations, India, Sri Lanka, and Yugoslavia, immediately submitted amendments to the Israeli proposal with the aim of reintroducing the PLO into the negotiations as a fully-recognised participant.

Besides naming the PLO as a member of the conference, the amendments added to U.N. resolutions submitted in the Israeli proposal as a basis for negotiations (the resolutions include guarantees for the existence of Israel) the November 1975 general assembly resolution which proclaims the Palestinians' right to their own state.

Mr. Herzog said he had no illusions about the fate of his resolution, but held it would make U.N. members face up to their responsibilities.

Under U.N. procedure, amendments are voted before the resolution at which they are directed. Observers said that if the Israeli resolution remained tabled, there was no doubt at all that the non-aligned amendments would be adopted.)

Mr. Herzog meanwhile stated in a letter to all delegations that he would oppose two Arab draft resolutions which are to be tabled by the non-aligned countries.

One resolution outlines a procedure for getting the Geneva conference going again after a further Security Council meeting next March 1.

The other deals in general terms with the Middle East and includes condemnations of Israel.

Mr. Herzog said that the two resolutions were linked in their drafters' minds and were aimed at using the Security Council for further denunciation of Israel instead of holding peace negotiations.

control of the lower house's standing committees.

Mr. Miki told the press conference he was responsible for rehabilitating the LDP to show it was capable of staying in power.

"I shall carefully study what the voters want and consult with the party executive before mapping out a post-election political schedule," he said.

Indirectly criticising his rival, former Deputy Prime Minister Takeo Fukuda, who has been calling for a fresh start under new leadership, Mr. Miki said the party could not be reformed by more words.

The prime minister said: "voters were intolerant of corruption such as exposes in the Lockheed scandal, for which the LDP was lacking in self-reflection. They were also fed up with the feud within the party."

Mr. Miki said that in the worst crisis in its 21-year history the party could not afford to continue its factional feuds, for which he blamed the party's leadership election system.

Japan's Prime Minister Takeo Miki: Disappointing election results will not force him out of office.

a possibility of Japan's first coalition government since 1947.

The LDP, hurt by internal divisions as well as the Lockheed scandal, had won 249 seats in the lower house -- seven short of a simple majority.

Mr. Miki had aimed for 271 seats, which would have given him



Japan's Prime Minister Takeo Miki: Disappointing election results will not force him out of office.

## Qadhafi, Brezhnev start Moscow talks

SCOW, Dec. 6 (AFP). — Libyan President Muammar Qadhafi and Soviet party leader Leonid Brezhnev had initial talks here today and noted that Soviet-Libyan relations, already mutually advantageous, were growing stronger.

President Qadhafi arrived here today on his first official visit to the Soviet Union.

In a brief report, said the leaders also expressed "the mutual desire to develop Soviet-Libyan cooperation in the political, economic, cultural and other fields in the interests of the peoples of the two countries."

Mr. Qadhafi said that "continued tension in the Middle East is a result of the policies of the imperialist circles, and of encouragement of Israeli aggression against the Arab countries, Israel's prolonged occupation of Arab territory, and Israel's refusal to recognise the legitimate national rights of the Arab people of Palestine."

upied in the 1967 war and the safeguard of the "legitimate national rights" of the Palestinian people, including the right to establish their own state.

The Soviet-Libyan talks were to continue, Tass added.

Meanwhile, at a dinner in the Kremlin tonight for President Qadhafi, Soviet President Nikolai Podgorniy said that as regards the Middle East, the Soviet Union favoured "an overall settlement in the region, in the framework of the Geneva conference, as against separate arrangements that would bypass the need for the liquidation of all the consequences of the Israeli aggression."

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VIET VISIT — Soviet President Nikolai Podgorniy (left) welcomes Libyan President Muammar Qadhafi at Vnukovo Airport Monday shortly after the latter's arrival on an official visit to the Soviet Union. (wirephoto).

## Africans blame Smith regime for missionary slayings

GENEVA, Dec. 6 (R). — Three African nationalist leaders at the Rhodesia conference today blamed Prime Minister Ian Smith's forces for the deaths of three Roman Catholic missionaries shot yesterday by a black gunman on a lonely road near Bulawayo.

But Salisbury government minister Mark Partridge said the killings were the work of African guerrillas, and he rejected the nationalists' accusations. "If you believe that, you will believe anything," he declared.

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Bishop Abel Muzorewa, and the Zimbabwe African National Union delegation headed by Robert Mugabe said they believed the government's elite Selous Scouts commando force were responsible for the killing of a retired bishop, a priest and a nun.

Earlier today, Dr. Donal Lament, Roman Catholic Bishop of Umtata, Rhodesia said: "If this outrage was perpetrated in the name

of African nationalism, then it has brought great shame to that cause."

A spokesman for Joshua Nkomo, linked with Mr. Mugabe in Patriotic Front political alliance, said "Information from the front" showed the shootings were "atrocities of the Smith regime meant to discredit the African freedom fighters and thus lose support among the churches in Zimbabwe (Rhodesia) and abroad for their just cause."

Mr. Partridge, minister for Lands and Natural Resources and a Catholic, said the killings were a warning of what would happen if the guerrilla leaders attained power in Rhodesia.

British chairman of the Rhodesian conference here Ivor Richard was tonight due to fly to London for lightning talks with his government on progress during the past week.

Mr. Richard is expected to return to Geneva tomorrow and his visit was described by sources tonight as "one of the routine journeys scheduled every two weeks."

TOKYO, Dec. 6 (R). — Japan's ruling Liberal Democratic Party (LDP), tainted by the Lockheed scandal, today lost its 21-year-old majority in the Japanese parliament -- but later regained a bare majority by recruiting Conservative Independents.

However, the LDP was still well short of the 271 seats it needed for a stable hold on power.

Stung by the setback resulting from yesterday's general election, Prime Minister Takeo Miki was widely expected to resign. But the 69-year-old premier gave no indication of such a move when he addressed a post-election press conference.

Mr. Miki said that eight Conservative Independents had agreed to join the LDP, giving it 257 seats in the enlarged 511-member lower house of the Diet. The premier also said his party expected further support from Conservative politicians elected as Independents.

The election results, announced before the recruitment of the independents, had appeared to indicate



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## The clothes don't make the man

The question of whether or not the Palestine Liberation Organisation should establish a government-in-exile is likely to get increasing attention in the coming months, particularly as the matter will inevitably be tied into the currents that seem to be guiding the Middle East ship of negotiations towards Geneva. But the question is a secondary one, and relates to purely procedural matters more important in the realm of protocol than to the attainment of a just peace.

There are no real practical advantages in forming such a government-in-exile beyond, perhaps, clarifying in insignificant ways the breakdown of responsibilities and functions of the different parts of the Palestinian resistance movement as embodied in the PLO. To the contrary, given the natural tensions and conflicts within the PLO itself, the move to name a hierarchy of ministers and apportion the tasks of state—even if that state does not yet exist—may well do more harm than good.

Would a government-in-exile necessarily change the nature, functions or credibility of the PLO? Not really. It would simply rearrange things and persons within a framework whose most interesting aspect would probably be its nomenclature. If Mr. Farouk Kaddoumi, for example, drops his title of Director of the Political Department of the PLO and assumes the title of Foreign Minister, what would that really mean?

One of the advantages of the PLO as it is, is that it has been able in large part to keep under one umbrella the various groups that make up the Palestinian resistance movement and the assorted political arms of the Palestinian national movement. It has been no easy task, and the PLO umbrella has often sprung leaks. But it remains the only, and thus the best, vehicle for the expression of the Palestinians' national demands. The other organs of the Palestinians, such as the PLO's Executive Committee and the Palestinian National Council, have both symbolic and practical functions. The desire by some to institutionalise or formalise these through the establishment of a Palestinian government-in-exile is altogether meaningless if the move is not clearly related to steps that will serve the cause of the Palestinian and Arab fight against Zionism. The only connection we see here is the possibility of having a Palestinian government-in-exile enter into the negotiating process that will presumably get underway, in Geneva or elsewhere, sometime in the next few years. But it seems rather strange to us that a Palestinian government-in-exile should have any better chance of being accepted as a negotiating party than does the PLO. This brings us back to the basic dilemma: It does not really matter what the Arabs or the Palestinians do so long as there is no clear commitment within Israel, and among Israel's parent-states, to talk seriously with the Palestinian people. The vehicle through which the Palestinians carry out their end of the talking is irrelevant. What is important is the principle that the future of Palestine shall be decided primarily by the joint will of the Palestinians and the Israelis. When this is accepted, the other pieces of the puzzle will fall into place very quickly.

The lessons of the Vietnam war and Paris negotiations show that at some stage there will have to be established formal channels of communication and negotiation. Negotiations took place in Paris mainly because these were viewed by the United States as a convenient way to pull out of Vietnam. The process could not and did not, in the end, change the outcome of the war there. The fact that the Provisional Revolutionary Government of the Viet Cong was accepted into the negotiating process was first a function of reality and second of American diplomatic expediency.

Very much the same thing will have to happen in the Middle East, and the Palestinians will eventually take part in the peace process. Whether they go in through the front door with the trappings of state or through the backroom window in the garb of the resistance fighter does not make much difference, as long as they are there.



Her Majesty Queen Ayla receives the visiting Syrian first lady Mrs. Assad who is accompanying President Assad in his official visit here, Monday. (JNA photo).

## C-in-C receives Canadian guest

AMMAN (JNA). — The Commander-in-Chief of the Jordanian Armed Forces Lt. Gen. Sharif Zeid Ibn Shaker Mooday received at his office the Commander-in-Chief of the Canadian Armed Forces who was accompanied by the Canadian military attaché in Amman.

The Jordanian chief of staff for administration also attended the meeting.

The Canadian guest also visited the Infantry School where he was briefed on its aims and duties. He paid another visit to a formation of the second battalion.

Later at noon he and his wife attended a banquet held in their honour by Sharif Zeid and his wife.

Present at the banquet were the Jordanian commander of the Royal Air Force, the chief of staff assistant for administration, and the Canadian military attaché.

## Exchange Rates

Following are the official exchange rates in effect at the start of today's business day, as set by the Central Bank of Jordan.

The first column is how much you would receive in Jordanian fils for selling a unit of the foreign currency, while the second column denotes how much it would cost you to buy a unit of the foreign currency:

U.S. dollar	332.0	334.0
U.K. sterling	554.0	560.0
Swiss franc	135.7	136.1
German mark	138.3	138.7
French franc	66.6	66.9
Italian lira		
(for every 100)	38.5	38.7
Syrian pound	82.3	82.8
Lebanese pound	122.0	123.5
Saudi riyal	93.5	94.0
Iraqi dinar	945.0	960.0
Kuwaiti dinar	1148.0	1155.0
U.A.E. dirham	32.5	33.0
Libyan dinar	700.0	720.0
Egyptian pound	468.0	482.0

## Transit goods triple in '76

AMMAN (JNA). — Jordan will participate in the meeting of the board of experts for air transport starting as of Tuesday in Montreal, Canada.

Mr. Hani Bqa'een, Air Transport Manager at the Civil Aviation Directorate, heads the Jordanian delegation which includes Mr. Sami Bitar, IATA's representative at Amman. Jordan is a member of the 13-states board.

AMMAN (JNA). — The volume of goods in transit via Jordan increased by 199 per cent (337,259 tons) in July, August and September this year, as compared to the same period last year (114,883 tons).

The goods' value reached a total of JD 160 million for the same period this year as against JD 53 million for 1975.

## ARAB PRESS COMMENTARY

The current visit of Syrian President Hafez Assad to Amman for talks with His Majesty King Hussein was given prominence Monday in the Jordanian and Syrian newspapers, which also published pictures of the two leaders on their front pages.

The newspapers were unanimous on the importance of the meeting, especially considering the stage which the Arab nation is now passing through.

Al Ra'i says the meeting of the two leaders is being held in the most optimistic and urgent circumstances aimed at tightening up the two countries' joint action labelled coordination and integration.

Al Dustour views the Amman conclave as a new step within the

framework of the two countries' joint march, in response to the wishes of the two people and higher national exigencies.

Al Sha'b describes President Assad as the man who has stepped over local and narrow outlooks to an all-embracing national realm; and in cooperation with His Majesty King Hussein he wanted to bring things back to their natural course on the road of integration and coordination leading to an ultimate unity between the two countries.

Hailing the steps already taken between Syria and Jordan at all levels, Al Baath of Damascus referred to King Hussein's assertion in a recent interview with the BBC that there is a strong possibility of Syria and Jordan binding themselves in same form or other within the framework of a federal structure.

Another Syrian paper, Al Shaab, thinks that King Hussein and President Assad will discuss the Middle East situation in general and the situation in Lebanon, especially after the entry of the Arab deterrent forces there.

## What's Going On

A film entitled "John Gluckstadt" 8:00 p.m. at the Goethe Institute, Jabal Amman.

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### How to make better use of airmails!

I have a suggestion to make, that if followed, will make life much more simple for those who send letters to the United States. That is the printing of a 125 fils stamp. I know you are wondering why I would make such a suggestion. It comes because of a recent experience of mine.

I had bought some airmails at a library, unstamped. I was so pleased with myself, for I knew that the cost of sending an air form to the states was 90 fils. The airmail 15 fils; thus I save 20 fils a letter plus not having to be with envelopes and stationery.

So, I quickly dashed off a letter on an airmail and ran to the post office to mail it. Naturally, I addressed the letter on the printed lines. Imagine my horror when I discovered only airmails printed by the government can be sent for 15 fils. All others cost 125 fils, just like a regular letter.

(Where you can buy the government issued forms a big mystery to me, as my local post office never has any.) The kind, courteous gentleman at the post office proceeded to give me my 125 fils worth of stamps. It was 50 fils, two 25 fils, two ten fils, and a five fils stamp, all in size of course.

Really, it was like a jig-saw puzzle. I tried and tried to arrange the stamps on the airmail without covering the dress. But it was hopeless. Finally, in despair, I enclosed airmail in an envelope, licked on the stamps, and addressed. I am using the rest of my 15 fils airmails as stationery, consoling myself with the fact that at least they are of weight.

I try hard not to remember that each letter cost me 125 fils plus an envelope.

So, once again, my suggestion: How about a 125 stamp? Even king-sized would be acceptable. I could add my letters before I stamped them. I wouldn't leave the post office with that sticky taste in my mouth. And the government would save lots of money on glue and paper.

Mrs. Gordon Johnston

## GOT ANOTHER VIEWPOINT...

If you have something to say, the Jordan Times would like help you say it to as many people as possible. Have you a case to present, a complaint to discuss, a suggestion to make, or a just some interesting thoughts to share? Have you another viewpoint on a topic in the news? Do you agree or disagree with opinions expressed in this newspaper? Are you driven to passion by the evils or the goodness of this world? In short, do you have something to say?

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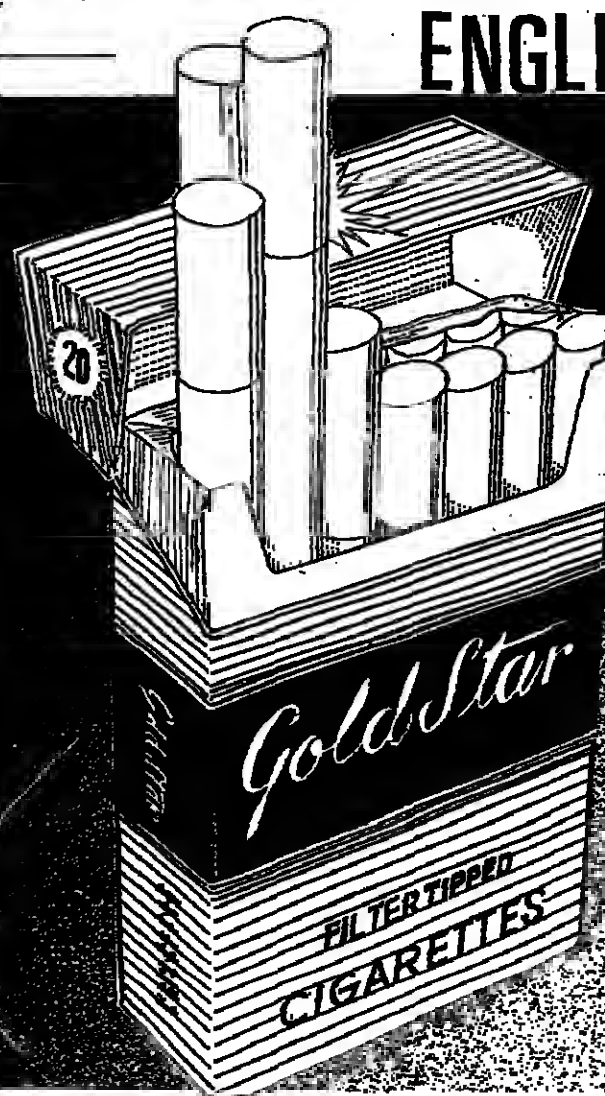
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In northwestern Rhodesia

# Search is on for guerrilla killer of missionaries

SALISBURY, Dec. 6 (R). — Rhodesian security forces today searched for a lone guerrilla who killed a retired bishop, a Catholic priest and a nun with a burst from a machinegun.

The only survivor of the Sunday afternoon attack on a remote road in the Lupane area north of Bulawayo was a nun who sheltered herself under the bishop's car. She was shot in the leg and is recovering in hospital.

Security force headquarters here said those killed were Bishop Adolf Gregor Schmitt, 71, the former Bishop of Bulawayo; Father Possenti Weggarten, 65, principal of the Regina Mundi Secondary School in Lupane and Sister Maria Francis van den Berg of the same mission.

The survivor, Sister Ermenfried Knauer, said the bishop's party was driving from their home mission, Regina Mundi, to St. Luke's Mission to visit a sick friend, when a guerrilla wearing a balaclava helmet and a camouflage uniform and carrying a sub-machinegun stopped them and asked for money.

Sister Ermenfried said they told the man they were missionaries and had no money but that they would help him if he came back to their mission.

The guerrilla ordered them out of the car and began shooting, starting with the bishop, Sister Ermenfried said.

She presumed the guerrilla thought she was dead also. He fired a burst at her leg which was protruding from under the car.

The Catholic Bishop of Bulawayo, the Right Reverend Henry Karlen, who succeeded Bishop Schmitt in 1974, said: "It is unbelievable".

He said he had told an African who was returning to the Geneva conference on Rhodesia to give a message to black nationalist leaders Robert Mugabe and Joshua Nkomo.

The message was: "This is the reward for our work for Africans, for working for them all our lives."

There was a shocked silence among worshippers at St. Mary's Cathedral, Bulawayo, at last night's mass when they were told of the murder of the three missionaries.

Bishop Schmitt returned from an overseas trip only two weeks ago.

He came to Rhodesia in 1932 as an assistant priest at St. Mary's Cathedral. In 1936, he returned to Germany and in 1938 was trans-

ferred to the United States. He also worked in Canada.

He was consecrated a bishop in Detroit in 1951 and sent back to Bulawayo. In 1972, the Pope granted his request to be relieved of his appointment as Bishop of Bulawayo on the grounds of ill health, but he stayed on until June 1974 when Bishop Karlen was appointed.

Bishop Schmitt was appointed to various missionary posts in Bulawayo's black townships. Recently he worked with the Regina Mundi mission.

ZAPU guerrillas loyal to Mr. Joshua Nkomo and operating from Botswana or Zambia have lately been active in northwestern Rhodesia.

## MIG pilot tells Americans USSR plans new plane model

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6 (AFP). — Lt. Viktor Belenko, the Soviet pilot who defected in September, has told U.S. intelligence officials that the Soviet Union is building a more sophisticated version of the MIG-25 than the one he flew to Japan.

The new model was to be equipped with six missiles instead of four, as well as with cannon that did not figure on board the plane he landed on the northern Japanese island of Hokkaido, he said.

The MIG-25 -- codenamed "Foxbat" by NATO -- is a twin-engine aircraft used for both interceptor and reconnaissance duties. After its arrival in Japan, the plane was meticulously examined by U.S. experts and then returned to the Soviet Union.

## BEIRUT NIGHT FLIGHTS TO RESUME

BEIRUT, Dec. 6 (AFP). — Night flights at the airport here will likely resume this week, Mr. Selim Salam, Vice President of the Board of Directors of Middle East Airlines, said today.

Day flights resumed Nov. 19 after a 144-day suspension caused by the war. The resumption of night flights was delayed because of damage to installations. Mr. Salam said he expected the airport beacons to be back in operation today, but the runway lights still had to be repaired. When this was done, a communique would be published announcing resumption of night flights.

Six airlines have already resumed day flights: Middle East Airlines and Trans-Mediterranean Airways, both Lebanese; Air France, Alia, KLM and Interflug.

## But back other government plans

# Swiss reject atomic waste proposals

BERNE, Dec. 6 (AFP). — Voters in six communes of central Switzerland have overwhelmingly rejected government proposals which would have turned part of their land into a dump for atomic waste.

But on the national level, Swiss voters yesterday backed the government in a triple referendum, turning down a leftist-sponsored 40-hour work week and supporting continued credit and price-control policies.

In another regional referendum, citizens of Berne Canton agreed to a constitutional amendment which could open the way for the creation of a French-speaking Jura Canton on part of their territory, which is predominantly German-speaking.

The atomic referendum asked residents for permission to drill in the area with a view to installing a depot for radioactive waste. The proposal was turned down by 1,327 votes to 12. A number of other communities earlier rejected the government plans.

National voters apparently agreed with the government view that the current economic situation made it unadvisable to move to a 40-hour work week, first proposed by an extreme-leftist group and backed by the unions and the Socialist and Communist parties.

A second referendum asked for an extension of a 1973 decree allowing the government to oversee credit policies in several areas, while the third national vote requested approval for continued government controls on consumer prices.

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## SWAPO confirms it will not join Namibian parley

ACCRA, Dec. 6 (AFP). — Visiting SWAPO (Southwest Africa People's Organisation) leader Sam Nujoma has again criticised the South African-sponsored constitutional talks on Namibia and confirmed that SWAPO would never be a party to such a settlement.

Mr. Nujoma, who flew in here on Friday to brief Ghanaian leaders on the Namibian nationalist movement's struggle, said yesterday "the so-called conference is a calculated attempt by (South African) Premier John Vorster to create several fronts in Namibia on a basis of tribal affiliation, and thus to weaken the united front strength in the struggle to free Namibia."

(SWAPO is the only organisation recognised by the United Nations as representing the Namibian people. It has boycotted the 15-month-old constitutional conference called by South Africa.)

SWAPO believed that the Namibians alone had the right to decide the kind of government suitable for their country, Mr. Nujoma said. "South Africa has no legal rights to convene any talks whatsoever on what constitution we want for ourselves," he added.

Mr. Nujoma later had talks with Ghanaian head of state Kutu Acheampong.

## Nessie's a tough one to bring in

CAMBRIDGE, Massachusetts, Dec. 6 (AFP). — Scotland's Loch Ness monster "Nessie" has escaped detection again.

Two American scientific expeditions last summer which tried to prove once and for all that Nessie either did or did not exist drew a blank.

The first, sponsored jointly by the Academy of Applied Sciences and the New York Times, took electronic soundings throughout the loch. A rival team sponsored by the National Geographic Society made one startling discovery -- the loch is strewn with discarded teapots.

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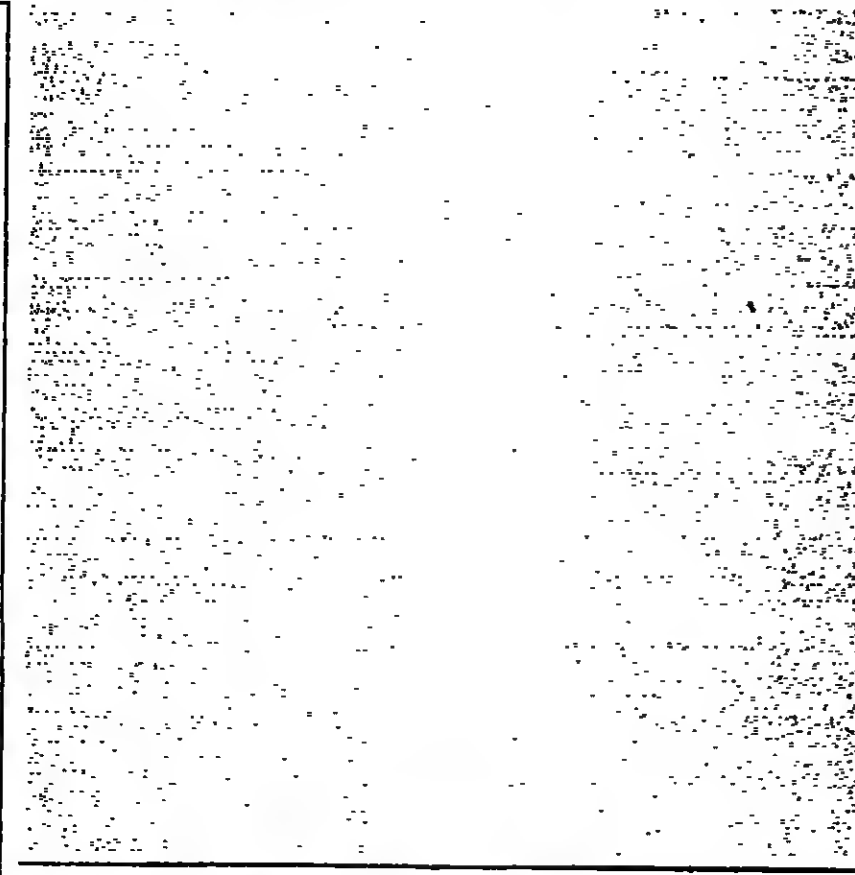
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Touching up a house in Belfast.



At work in an aircraft engine plant in Belfast.



A worker smiles near Belfast's peace line -- he swept the sidewalk on both sides.



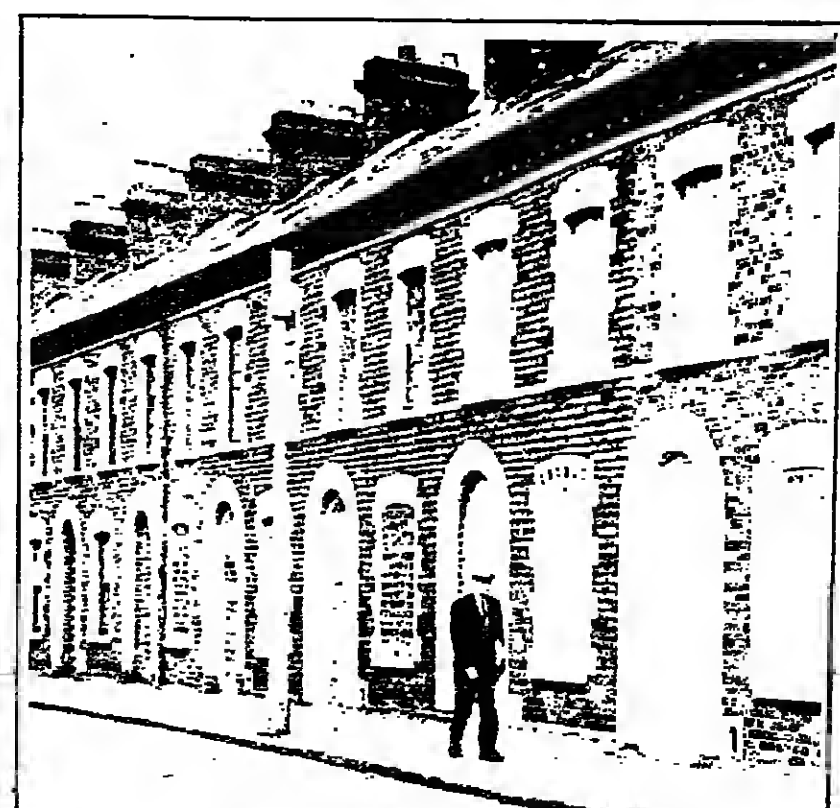
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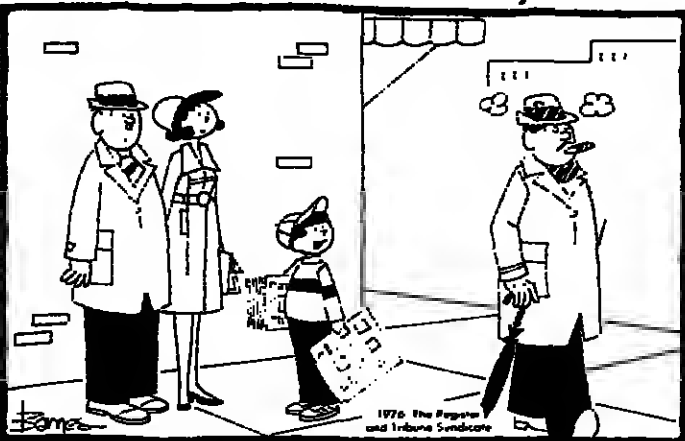


A float comes in handy in the learners' pool at Craigavon's recreati centre.

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## THE BETTER HALF By Barnes



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## GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES H. GOREN  
AND OMAR SHARIF  
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DEAR MR. GOREN

Q.—Recently, I came across the term "Principle of Fast Arrival." Can you explain what it means?—M.B. Reed, San Diego, Cal.

A.—There are sequences in every system where a bid below game is stronger than a direct raise to game. In other words, the quicker you get to game, the less interested you are in investigating slam possibilities. Here are two examples which come to mind:

a) North South | North South  
1 ♠ 3 ♠ | 1 ♠ 4 ♠

b) North South | North South  
2 ♠ 3 ♠ | 2 ♠ 4 ♠

In each of the two cases outlined above, the immediate jump to game shows a weaker hand than the raise to three spades. In a), the jump to three spades shows a hand of at least opening bid strength, while the jump to game shows a distributional hand, probably with five trumps, and denies the ability to make a jump raise. In case b), the raise to three spades is positive, showing the equivalent of a trick and a half. The immediate jump to game is made with good trumps, but denies a first- or second-round control in any side suit.

There are sound tactical reasons for employing the "Principle of Fast Arrival" on weak hands. In many cases where you have reached a high-level contract quickly the hand may, in fact, belong to the opponents. Your action will make it more difficult for them to enter the auction or to find their proper contract. This principle extends to those cases where you immediately raise a preemptive bid by partner to the level where you intend to sacrifice.

Q.—Please give your opinion of the following sequence. South held: ♠AKx ♥KJ10 87 ♦xx ♣AKJ. The bidding proceeded:

South North  
1 ♥ 1 ♠  
3 ♥ 3 ♠  
4 ♠

—H. Powes, Philadelphia, Pa.

A.—South has the wrong hand for a jump rebid in hearts. That would tend to show a weaker

hand and a longer heart suit—at least six cards. South's hand is worth 20-21 points at a spade contract if his partner has a re-biddable suit. I suggest to jump

shift to three clubs at South's second turn, with the intention of raising spades next.

Q.—Can you help solve this problem?

♠ Q9842  
♥ —  
♦ —  
♣ 1072  
♠ 105  
♥ 1097  
♦ 6  
♣ 82  
♠ J  
♥ AK3  
♦ KJ  
♣ A5

There are no trumps. South has to play and make seven tricks. —R. Herman, New York City.

A.—An intriguing problem. Cash the two top hearts, discarding spades from the North hand. If East keeps a high heart, throw him in with it. He cannot return the king of clubs, for then declarer's task is easy. If he returns a low club, run it to the ten and then return to hand with the ace of clubs. Discard another spade on the king of diamonds, and dummy makes the last tricks with the queen of spades and good club.

East is no better off if he returns a diamond after winning the queen of hearts. South scores both his diamonds (finessing if necessary), and West is squeezed in the black suits. Dummy discards from whichever black suit West keeps. Either North's remaining spade is high, or declarer can enter dummy with the queen of spades to lead the ten of clubs through East, smothering the eight and assuring two club tricks.

If East unlocks the Q-J of hearts, leaving West to guard that suit, declarer cashes the jack of spades and king of diamonds, discarding a low club from dummy. Now West is squeezed in with a heart as dummy discards another spade. If West exits with a club, declarer has no problem making the rest by simply covering in dummy whichever club West leads. If West exits with a spade to dummy's queen, East is squeezed in the minors. He must either unguard his king of clubs or give up his high diamond. South discards accordingly, and makes the last two tricks.

By Leavitt F. Morris  
NEW YORK, (CSM). — In my travels through the world's 24 time zones, I never changed my watch from "home time." I felt that the small inconvenience of not adding or subtracting to know the time of day for the country I happened to be in was worth it, because this practice helped me to combat "jet lag" in a couple of days. By being aware of "my" schedule, I could adjust more sensibly to a new routine.

Also, keeping my watch on home time served another purpose: It enabled me to mentally "follow" my family as they went about their daily routine.

The Air Transport Association of America (ATA) reports that approximately 95 per cent of those travelling from the United States to overseas destinations go by air and face time changes of anywhere from 5 to 10 hours.

"Flying through these zones at ultrafast speeds can upset one's biological clock, an inner mechanism... that regulates our daily time cycle in terms of the time zone where we live," according to the ATA.

"When this 'body clock' — which controls patterns of wakefulness, sleep, energy and appetite — gets out of phase by moving through a number of zones in a single day, 'jet lag' may be experienced.

"It is the human tendency to want to continue at the usual pace, or even step it up, in defiance of the time zone to which the biological clock is accustomed."

(Oddly, this orientation to the time zone is not peculiar to human beings. A professor of biology at Northwestern University, the ATA notes, found that when oysters were moved from the East Coast to a dark room in Evanston, Illinois, they continued to open their valves widest at the same time it was high tide back home off Long Island.)

To combat jet lag, once I arrive abroad, I go directly to my hotel and go to bed to catch up on lost sleep. This practice is highly recommended by the ATA, and those who do this are quite refreshed.

My major complaint about jet flights leaving the United States between the hours of 8 and 10

p.m. for Europe is the time spent serving cocktails and the full-course dinner and, in some cases, showing a movie. By the time these activities are completed, the sun is peeping over the horizon as the plane flies into daylight.

To avoid all this waste of time, I immediately, once airborne, remove my shoes and suit coat, tuck a blanket around me, put a pillow beneath my head, and place a blindfold over my eyes. The results: a few hours of restful sleep. (Prior to boarding the plane I eat a light supper at the airport.)

It seems to me the airlines on these night flights abroad could dispense with serving large dinners — cutting down their costs and quite possibly passing the savings along to their passengers in fare reductions.

The ATA recommends eating light aboard the plane.

The serving of cocktails prior

to the full-course meal is time consuming to non-drinkers, who are forced to wait for their dinner. Again, it seems to me, those who don't want cocktails should have the right to be served their meal immediately, instead of having to wait until the cocktail hour is over.

Here are some ATA tips offered to help combat the effects of rapid time change and thus forestall or reduce jet lag:

First, be sure to get adequate sleep in the days before your trip begins.

Eat food to which you are accustomed and try to match meal times to those to which your stomach clock is adjusted.

Once at your destination take it easy at first, going to bed immediately on arrival, no matter what the time. Then move slowly into the rhythm of the country you are visiting.

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## Your Horoscope

By Jeane Dixon

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7  
Your birthday today: Let a natural pace govern all your efforts this year if you wish to thrive. You must take time out for diverse nonmaterialistic activities, keep your poise through many kinds of confusing circumstances. Relationships are strong but not clearly defined. Today's natives seek ideals rather than practical solutions, have intuitive entry into all sorts of mysteries. Those born this year won't have any problems if given a fair chance, need reassurance that it's okay to have deep insights, intuitive understanding.

Aries [March 21-April 19]: Use this snail's-pace day to meditate, set inner thoughts in order. Endless details clutter the way; get busy, clear them up. Evening brings a surprise.

Taurus [April 20-May 20]: Ignore any attempts to distract you. Despite plans, all tomorrow's influences focus on new decisions, updating conditions. Begin your own planning tonight.

Gemini [May 21-June 20]: You're more work, but it's mostly caretaker-maintenance responsibility. Resist impulse to buy pseudo bargains. Home life provides a moment to remember.

Cancer [June 21-July 22]: Experimenting with new techniques adds complications. You cannot overlook or talk away differences of opinion now. Some personal expression begins to triumph.

Leo [July 23-Aug. 22]: Pride works to advantage, keeps you away from grub-

by details, faultfinding. Confusing influences slow down schedules. Tonight brings belated decisions, changes.

Virgo [Aug. 23-Sept. 22]: See the distinction in the way things are and what could be with a little effort. Work toward the goal, don't criticize. Tomorrow you say it much better!

Libra [Sept. 23-Oct. 22]: Fishing for information is favored, though you won't be satisfied with your catch. Tonight the ideas start to jell. Be sure what you discard is unwanted.

Scorpio [Oct. 23-Nov. 21]: The challenge is to keep your actions from giving a secret away. Bucking the tide costs extra, stirs dissent among those who usually remain bystanders.

Sagittarius [Nov. 22-Dec. 21]: In current trial runs, fine touches miss their mark, tough moves defeat themselves. You're at a low in a personal cycle; things brighten up soon.

Capricorn [Dec. 22-Jan. 19]: Emotional clarity can be found in a tangle of belated callers and upset schedules. Recognize your erratic behavior as a delaying device to avoid duty.

Aquarius [Jan. 20-Feb. 18]: Have sympathy for people who get their signals mixed. They can do without your comment. Keep hands off what is settled; tidy up departments that need it.

Pisces [Feb. 19-March 20]: Beware the sudden urge to purchase a huge supply of rarely used materials or articles not needed at all. Friends bicker mainly for the sake of argument.

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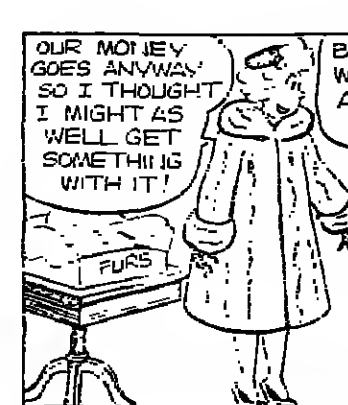
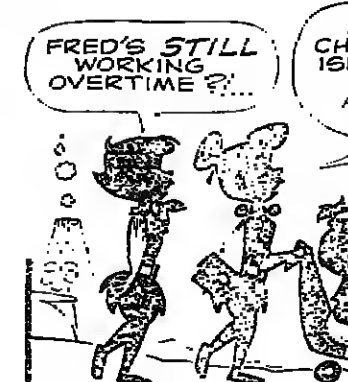
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# Cape Town blacks tight "battle of the generations"

CAPE TOWN, Dec. 6 (R). — Fighting between young black militants and their tribal elders — described by one police officer as "a battle of the generations" — erupted in Cape Town's African Nyanga township today, leaving at least 14 people wounded by police bullets.

Police said they fired several times on crowds of blacks to stem tribal clashes and to prevent arson attacks on private homes.

Police said the fighting was primarily caused by a "difference of opinion" between youths calling a two-day strike, scheduled to start today, and migrant workers who refused to stay away from work.

It developed into an inter-tribal fight as most of the migrant workers belong to the Baca tribe and the youths to the Xhosa tribe.

Local officials of the Transkei — the Xhosa homeland which becomes an independent state in October — today toured Nyanga in a car with loudspeakers, appealing to workers and residents to calm down.

Trouble broke out in the town-

ship during the weekend. Yesterday migratory workers who live in hostels in the township attacked students who had been calling for the two-day strike, Brigadier Bischoff, Divisional Commissioner of the Western Cape, said. The students retaliated and one of the hostels was burned down.

Brigadier Bischoff said police riot control units were today attempting to keep the two factions apart. Houses were being set on fire and at least nine had been burned down.

## Andreotti meets

## President Ford

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6 (AFP). — Italian Prime Minister Giulio Andreotti met President Gerald Ford here today at the start of a 48-hour visit designed primarily to make contact with the incoming Carter administration.

Mr. Andreotti is to meet tomorrow with Mr. Jimmy Carter's Vice President Walter Mondale and perhaps have brief talks with the future Secretary of State Cyrus Vance.

The Italian head of government was also here to negotiate a \$500 million loan from the International Monetary Fund (IMF). He was due to meet IMF Executive Director Johannes Witteveen later today.

Mr. Ford welcomed Mr. Andreotti by stressing the "profound friendship" between the two countries, adding "Few nations are linked more closely than the United States and Italy".



OFFICIAL WELCOME — Yugoslavia's President Josip Broz Tito welcomes President Valery Giscard d'Estaing Monday in front of the White Palace in Belgrade.

## D'Estaing: Yugoslavia's independence indispensable for European peace

BELGRADE, Dec. 6 (AFP). — French President Valery Giscard d'Estaing arrived here today for a 36-hour official visit and expressed France's support for Yugoslavia's independence policy.

Welcomed by President Tito in front of the Yugoslav leader's residence, the White Palace, Mr. Giscard spoke of France's esteem for "a nation whose firm resolve nothing has ever overcome."

He praised Marshal Tito as having "for more than 30 years bril-

liantly embodied in the eyes of the world a state's courage and greatness, a state whose independence is an indispensable factor in the equilibrium and peace of Europe."

Mr. Giscard d'Estaing stressed France's friendship for "its ally in two world wars" and "its confidence" in the future of Yugoslavia.

France's confidence, Mr. Giscard d'Estaing said, was based on "the progress achieved by Yugoslavia in a quarter of a century," together with recognition of the place which Yugoslavia had carved itself on the international scene and faith in the capabilities and determination of the Yugoslav people.

The two heads of state were having their first round of talks today which are expected to focus on Yugoslavia's relations with the Soviet Union, the United States, and the European Economic Community in the light of Yugoslavia's strategic location in Europe and its long-standing position as a non-aligned nation.

Also likely to figure in the talks are the remarks of U.S. Secretary of Commerce Elliot Richardson, who visited here at the end of November and stated U.S. support for "the independence of Yugoslavia."

Mr. Giscard d'Estaing's visit was originally scheduled for last September, but was postponed because of a liver ailment that forced the 84-year-old Marshal Tito to reduce his work load.

Mr. Giscard d'Estaing is accompanied on his visit by French Foreign Minister Louis de Guiringaud, Foreign Trade Minister Andre Rossi, and Culture Minister Françoise Giroud.

right on their side to give way."

The march was also headed by the Secretary General of the National Teachers' Union, Andre Henry.

As the march began, the most commonly heard slogan was "Polonia" (Interior Minister Michel Poniatowski, who ordered the police action) "fascist-resign".

Most French newspapers did not publish today and protest cuts were planned in gas, electricity postal and other services.

The French printers federation also announced it would prolong its strike for another 24 hours until tomorrow morning. This meant that there would be no newspapers again Tuesday.

Some disgruntled Gaullist leaders suggested the evacuation might be a "manoeuvre" since the union's response prevented news reports of the birth of a revamped Gaullist party, the Rally for the Republic (RPR) led by former Premier Jacques Chirac, which replaces the UDR grouping.

## OPEC meet in Qatar

## postponed till Dec. 20,

## Beirut weekly reports

BEIRUT, Dec. 6 (AFP). — The ministerial meeting of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC), expected to decide on future oil rates, will take place on Dec. 20 at Doha, Qatar instead of Dec. 15 as originally scheduled, the weekly publication Middle East Economic Survey said here today.

It cited sources in Arab exporting countries as saying the five-day postponement was aimed at giving OPEC members time to analyse the outcome of the "north-south dialogue" before making a decision on prices.

This dialogue is scheduled to wind up on Dec. 15.

## 4 ministers to review Arab arms manufacture

CAIRO, Dec. 6 (R). — Plans for an Egyptian-based Arab arms industry, producing military hardware ranging from jet fighters to rockets, will be reviewed here tomorrow by the defence ministers of four Arab Middle-Eastern nations.

Egyptian War Minister Abdul Ghani Gamassi said he would have talks with colleagues from Saudi Arabia, Qatar and the United Arab Emirates on the future of the billion-dollar Arab Military Industries created here last year.

The company was set up by Egypt to offset what it termed the Soviet Union's failure to make good Egyptian arms losses in the 1973 war with Israel.

France, Britain and the United States have been tipped as alternative suppliers, but the Egyptians are moving towards local manufacture of the Western weaponry the Arabs want.

Gen. Gamassi said last week that the manufacture of some ad-

## ECONOSCOPE

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## The funny, sunny side of economics

I had an excellent professor of statistics and economics when I was a student at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tennessee. He used to dichotomize economic terms into arithmorphic terms, which have specific meanings like the word circle, and dialectical terms, which may have more than one meaning to more than one person.

Most economic terms are of a dialectical nature. This may shed some light on the fact that economists may fight over an idea for ages before they discover that they both believe in the same thing.

Some economic and business expressions may therefore acquire funny and amusing definitions. The most celebrated is the definition of "economics" itself, namely, the science which attempts to solve the problems which are generated by its existence.

One of those funny definitions is the one offered by Dick Gregory, a famous American comedian. Gregory defines life insurance as follows: "When you want to buy life insurance, you bet the insurance man that you are going to live. And you hope he wins."

A bank may also be defined humorously as a club of rich people who borrow what they deposit because they do not trust themselves to borrow from themselves directly. Probably one of the funniest economic

definitions is that of "normal economic conditions" when the head of the economic body is on fire, its feet in ice, and we say that on average the temperature is normal.

Another pair of definitions with a nice switch is that of recession and depression. A recession is when your neighbour is out of work, but a depression is when you are out of work.

A misleading definition is that of equitable redistribution of income. Well, it is like taking a shoe from the rich man and giving it to the poor, each ending up with a shoe he cannot use.

If economic terms afford such explanations which sound like they came out of "Mad" magazine, it is no wonder that every time five economists meet to discuss a problem they end up with six different solutions.

This reminds me of a joke. The New York police sent six snapshots of a murderer to a Texas police station in a town where it was believed the murderer was hiding. After a long wait, the Texas police informed their counterparts in New York that they had already arrested five and they were ardently looking for the sixth person.

It is true economics can be funny and entertaining. It would be a nightmare if those supposedly humorous definitions were serious, and they were not meant to be funny at all.

## Spanish Socialist congress gets down to work, but chances of talks with government are dimmer than ever

MADRID, Dec. 6 (Agencies). — The Spanish Socialist Workers' Party (PSOE), holding its first convention in Spain for 44 years, today got down to work after speeches yesterday by foreign statesmen and an all but unanimous vote of confidence in the party executive.

The vote, passed with only one abstention, left no doubt that the young lawyer Felipe Gonzalez would be overwhelmingly reelected head of Spain's largest socialist party when the convention ends on Wednesday.

The executive's performance was endorsed by some 2,000 delegates last night after Mr. Gonzalez told the convention that membership had gone up four-fold and the number of party federations

had risen from 19 to 50 since the last convention, held two years ago near Paris.

The new membership was mostly drawn from Madrid and the Mediterranean city of Valencia, he said, adding that more than three quarters of party members belonged to the working class — or were minor civil servants.

About 100 policemen were still on duty today outside the congress hotel, while party militants in charge of security inside checked and rechecked the credentials of those wishing to enter.

Prime Minister Adolfo Suarez's chances of dissuading leftwing opposition groups from boycotting next week's referendum on constitutional reforms have been set back, however, on the basis of re-



Mr. Adolfo Suarez

## OECD reports 8% drop in oil imports by its members

PARIS, Dec. 6 (R). — Oil imports by the 24 countries of the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) fell eight per cent to 1.19 billion tonnes in 1975, the OECD reported today.

It said European members' imports fell 13.4 per cent to 628 million tonnes, reflecting both a substantial reduction in stocks and the impact of North Sea oil production.

Japan's imports fell 4.6 per cent to 254 million tonnes, but in North America production declined and imports of crude oil and products rose 2.3 per cent to 304 million tonnes, the report added.

The report said oil consumption fell substantially in all main three OECD areas in 1975 with overall consumption down by 3.9 per cent to 1.6 billion tonnes.

But demand for petrol proved more resistant to lower levels of

economic activity, with demand rising 5.3 per cent in Europe, and 9.8 per cent in Japan, the OECD added.

The OECD said there were big changes in the pattern of international trade in crude oil, with European imports from Saudi Arabia falling nearly 24 per cent to 158 million tonnes while U.S. and Japanese imports from that country rose over 60 per cent to 555 million tonnes and 7.1 per cent to 57 million tonnes respectively.

U.S. imports from Algeria also rose from 13 million tonnes to 46 million tonnes while they rose over 23 per cent to 19.4 million tonnes from Venezuela.

Other major industrial oil imports from OPEC sources dropped sharply with imports from Kuwait falling 29 per cent to 37.5 million tonnes and from Libya by 33 per cent to 41 million tonnes, although imports from Iraq rose 13.2 per cent to 61.6 million tonnes.

Japan also cut imports from Kuwait and Iran by 13.1 per cent to 19.3 million tonnes and by 9.7 per cent to 55.7 million tonnes respectively.

Overall production of crude oil and liquefied natural gas within the OECD area fell 3.6 per cent to 572.7 million tonnes with production in Europe rising over 38 per cent to 38.4 million tonnes and U.S. production dropping by 5.1 per cent to 524.3 million tonnes.

ports emerging from the PSOE congress.

Informed sources reported that prospects for negotiations between the government and the left-wing Basque separatist opposition before the referendum had been dimmed.

The sources said the talks were being delayed both by the reluctance of Senor Suarez to meet and the opposition team including Communist and Socialist members, in completing a 10-man list of representatives for such negotiations.

Senor Suarez today met Herr Willy Brandt of West Germany, president of the Socialist International, who is attending the congress.

Socialist sources said the full list was expected to be handed to Prime Minister Suarez late this week, making it virtually impossible for negotiations to start before the referendum on Dec. 15.

Senor Suarez balks at negotiations with the Communists because he would imply recognition of their capital.

The sources said one alternative would be to let the 10-man committee select a smaller group of three negotiators, excluding the Communists, to meet Senor Suarez and work out arrangements for next year elections.

But Senor Sanchez Montero, Communist Party Executive Committee member, said: "This is neither necessary nor convenient. The government should talk with everyone."

## LONDON MARKET REPORT

The market closed firm Monday. At 15:00 the F.T. index was up four points at 309.3.

Government bonds were prominent, gaining up to 5/8 point with sentiment helped by news that the government broker's supplies of the Tong 'tap' stock had run out.

Equities followed bonds higher but thin conditions exaggerated price movements. Net rises ranged to about 7p but BP was particularly firm adding 24p following speculation that the government may sell part of its holding in the company.

Gold shares advanced with the bullion price. Moderate gains were scored by heavier priced issues.

Australians and dollar stocks were narrowly higher.

Alfred Markt, Ingersoll Group and Baxter Fell were 17p, 3p and 122p higher respectively following agreed bid terms.

## Israeli press predicts heavy pressure from Cyrus Vance

TEL AVIV, Dec. 6 (AFP). — Israeli newspapers reported today that U.S. Secretary of State-designate Cyrus Vance favoured applying heavy pressure on Israel.

Citing the Washington correspondent of Israeli Radio, the newspapers said Mr. Vance had made off-the-record comments to that effect to the editors of Newsweek magazine, which published an interview with him this week.

In his published comments, Mr. Vance said that the prospects for an overall settlement in the Middle East were encouraging of late, but that political instability in Israel was complicating the situation.

Newspapers here gave heavy coverage to his remarks.

In Moscow, the Soviet daily Izvestia stressed Mr. Vance's support for a new Strategic Arms Limitation Agreement (SALT).

The government newspaper said that the next secretary of state planned for the U.S. and the Soviet Union to sign "a new accord in the SALT domain."

The newspaper also published a biographical note on Mr. Vance in which he was described as a jurist and former deputy defence secretary as well as a special United States envoy to Cyprus, South Korea and the Vietnam peace talks in Paris.

## Howard Hughes spent last years in semi-madness

NEW YORK, Dec. 6 (AFP). — The eccentric multi-millionaire Howard Hughes who died last April aged 70 spent his last year in a kind of semi-madness, hiding in hotel rooms, mainly naked in bed most of the time, according to the latest issue of Time magazine.

The magazine published extracts from a book by James Phelan based on interviews with two close members of the Hughes entourage.

Mr. Melvin Stewart, a former barber, acted as a nurse and Mr. Gordon Margulis prepared meals for Mr. Hughes and acted as a bodyguard. Both will share in royalties from the book.

When Mr. Hughes died, he weighed in mere 40 kgs. although he was 1.93 metres tall.

He ate hardly at all, just a little soup or a few spoonfuls of banana-flavoured ice-cream and nuts.

The book revealed that Mr. Hughes took drugs, taking big doses of valium and emperin. He always had a hypodermic syringe near him. It was filled with a transparent liquid which has not been identified.

Other details given: He injected himself in the arm or put the needle deep in his groin in front of Mr. Stewart and Mr. Margulis.

Obsessed by a fear of being photographed, Mr. Hughes sealed his windows so that no light came into the room, so he lived in semi-darkness. He passed hours and hours watching his favourite films.

His body was covered with bed sores. His hair reached down to his shoulders and his fingernails were five cms. long. The toenails were so long that they looked like yellowing corns.

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